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Title:	SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT		

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DECLARATION OF JODI GANDEL-KLEIN IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Mail Stop Petition
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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I, Jodi Gandel-Klein, declare and state:

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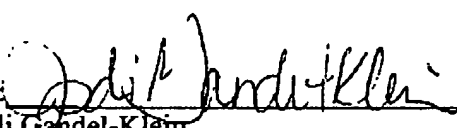
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